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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held in Director's
Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, on 14 February 1952

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Director of Central Intelligence
General Walter Bedell Smith*
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant, Intelligence,
Department of State
Major General A. R. Bolling, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2,
Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Richard F. Stout, acting for Director of Naval
Intelligence, Department of the Navy
Major General John A. Samford, Director of Intelligence,
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Dr. Walter F. Colby, Director of Intelligence, Atomic Energy
Commission
Colonel S. M. Lansing, acting for Deputy Director for
Intelligence, The Joint Staff
Mr. Victor P. Keay, acting for Assistant to the Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Loftus E. Becker,* Central Intelligence Agency
Dr. Sherman Kent, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. W. P. Bundy, Central Intelligence Agency
[redacted] Central Intelligence Agency
[redacted] Central Intelligence Agency
[redacted] Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. William C. Trueheart, Department of State
Mr. Mose L. Harvey, Department of State
Colonel F. G. Rothwell, Department of the Army
Lieut. Colonel H. N. Maples, Department of the Army
Mr. Roy S. Tod, Department of the Army
Captain Ray Malpass, USN, Department of the Navy
Colonel Edward H. Porter, Department of the Air Force
Colonel J. C. Marchant, Department of the Air Force

James Q. Reber
Secretary
Intelligence Advisory Committee

*Presiding for
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Approval of Minutes

1. Action: The minutes of the last meeting, 7 February 1952, (IAC-M-59) were approved subject to the following comments:

a. The FBI pointed out that what could be done by the FBI would depend upon future arrangements which had not yet been worked out in respect of proposed trips by Soviet officials (ref. para. 2). (Mr. Armstrong said that it was his understanding that discussions between the Department and FBI were now taking place. He also mentioned that the Department plans to deliver on Saturday to the Soviet Embassy the note regarding regulation of travel with release to the Press on Monday and that the Department attached importance to the maintenance of the "Secret" classification of this document until that time. He reported that investigation showed that there were no TASS representatives in New York except those accredited to the U.N.)

b. With reference to the intelligence coordinator for Austria (paragraphs 11 and 12) Mr. Armstrong noted that while he had concurred in General Smith's proposal that [redacted]

Austria, he assumed that it is understood that this was dependent on the acquiescence and concurrence of Ambassador Donnelly. He noted that the Ambassador would be in Washington around the 1st of March and that this could be discussed with him at that time.

Probable Soviet Courses of
Action with Respect to
Germany During 1952. (NIE-53)

2. Action: Approved as amended.

3. Discussion: With respect to the possibility of Soviet withdrawal from Eastern Germany as pointed out by the Air Force, General Bolling called attention to recent evidence which casts considerable doubt on such a possibility in 1952. He referred to the recent increase of 80,000 Russian troops in East Germany bringing the total to 354,000, the expansion of the East German alert police from 52,000 to 120,000 and the change in title of such units from "battalion" to "regiment." The experience of Soviet withdrawal in Korea and the possibility of similar withdrawal in East Germany, however, was believed by A-2 to warrant notice in a footnote.

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Intelligence Value of the
Maintenance of U. S. Missions
in Poland, Czechoslovakia,
Hungary and Rumania. (IAC-D-41)

4. Action: Agreed that an Ad Hoc group should prepare for IAC consideration at the next meeting a draft memorandum to the Secretary of State on this question.

5. Discussion: Mr. Armstrong indicated that while this subject had been given careful attention in recent months in the Department, the immediate concern as evidenced by this letter related to the growing feeling of the U. S. public and individuals in Congress that something needs to be done about the treatment being accorded our missions in Satellite countries. There is ~~also considerable doubt~~ in the eyes of some of the public and senators of the value of continuing to maintain these missions. Mention was made of the desirability of getting the view of the Psychological Strategy Board on this question but it was left that the State Department would approach the Board directly for its view.

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